



UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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NEWSLETTER

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Effective Monday July 21, 2008

The Safety Inspection Office will be going to a four-day work week as part of Governor Jon Huntsman's "Working 4 Utah" initiative. Our new office hours will be 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Friday through Sunday and on all state holidays.

Effective January 1, 2009, all new stations will be required to have a hoist capable of lifting all four tires of the vehicle off the ground simultaneously. This was a decision that was recently made by our Safety Inspection Advisory Council. It will now be a new required tool item, which will be included onto next years 'New Station Application'.

ON-LINE PROGRAM UPDATE

Recently, we released an update of the on-line program, which included the release of heavy truck inspections. Since this release we have encountered a number of different problems within the system. Our Safety Inspection Office and Utah Interactive are committed in correcting the problems and are currently working on a new release which will make the corrections. We are asking that each station and inspector please be patient while we work on this update. After this update is completed, we will move forward with working on another update to include commercial vehicle trailer inspections.

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that our Safety Inspection Personnel perform undercover operations on random stations around the state? We randomly select areas around the state and send undercover officers and vehicles in to ensure that quality inspections are being done and that our procedures are being followed. When the inspector follows the proper procedure, each violation on our undercover vehicle will be present in plain view. This is how many of our cases against stations and/or inspectors are generated. We also generate a majority of our cases through traffic stops, by aggressively looking for those vehicles that are violating state equipment laws. Most of these traffic stops lead us to a safety inspection station that conducted an improper inspection. **Please be advised, Our Safety Inspection Troopers have and will be conducting undercover operations in every county of the state.**

Windshield Criteria Clarification

Our Safety Inspection Office has been receiving a number of phone calls regarding the windshield crack criteria. Apparently, there are still some safety inspection stations that think we are still using the 24 inch windshield crack criteria. It was back in 2005 that we changed to the 6 inch border criteria for windshield cracks. Any length of crack within the 6 inch border is allowed. Once a crack enters into the acute (middle) area by more than one inch, the vehicle should be rejected and the windshield must be replaced.

STREET-LEGAL ATV INFORMATION

Effective October 1, 2008, Senate Bill 181 will become law. This new law will allow type I and type II ATV's to be retrofitted with equipment, making them legal for highway use. Written into this law are a number of restrictions, such as, they may only be operated within a municipality that has a population of less than 7,500, can only travel at the lesser of 45 mph or the posted speed limit and only on a two lane highway. There is also a list of required equipment and size restrictions that will apply when inspecting these types of vehicles. We will be adding a separate section to the Motorcycle Manual, titled 'Street-legal ATV', which will cover all of the criteria for this type of inspection. Even with the operation restrictions mentioned above, any ATV can still be inspected at any safety inspection station within the state.

The ATV vehicle type will be part of the motorcycle inspector certification course. Every inspector that passes the motorcycle certification course will have the option of deciding whether they want the ATV vehicle type or not. Any current inspector that wants to inspect all-terrain vehicles must be certified to inspect motorcycles and must complete the ATV vehicle type request form. This new form can be found on our Safety Inspection Website under the link titled 'Forms', which must be completed and mailed into our office for processing. Once we receive this completed form, we will add the ATV vehicle type to the inspector's current certification and notify the station of this addition.

With this new ATV vehicle type comes a separate type of inspection for the on-line program, along with a separate ATV paper certificate. We do not want any ATV inspection to be completed on a regular paper certificate that you would use for a regular motor vehicle. We are printing separate ATV paper certificates that will come in books of 25. These certificates shall only be used for ATV's when the on-line program is down. There will be an ATV emblem in the background so that the DMV knows what type of inspection was conducted for proper processing of the ATV registration.

During registration, street-legal ATV's will be issued a motorcycle license plate. This ATV registration follows the same guidelines as a regular motor vehicle when it comes to safety inspection, except that a safety inspection will also need to be conducted during the first year of registration (even if it falls within an exempt year). The safety inspection fee for ATV's will be the same as motorcycles (\$9.00). A driver license with a motorcycle endorsement (M) will permit a person to drive a street-legal ATV as well as a motorcycle. For those who do not ride motorcycles and want to ride the street legal ATV they must apply for the motorcycle endorsement (M) by passing the written knowledge test and the riding test. Once all testing is completed the rider will have an (M) endorsement and a (4) restriction. Those with the "M4" will only be allowed to ride the ATV and not be permitted to ride motorcycles. For questions related to driver licensing, please contact your local Driver License Division.

CLARIFICATIONS

STEERING TRAVEL: While inspecting the steering wheel travel you must turn the steering wheel through a full right and left turn, checking for binding. Note: **During this test the brakes must not be applied.** If there is any binding after following these procedures, the vehicle must be rejected.

MAIL VEHICLE EQUIPMENT: We have encountered a few instances where vehicle owners have installed after market equipment on their personal vehicle for the purpose of delivering mail. This alteration moves the steering wheel over to the passenger side, requiring the removal of the passenger side air bag, along with moving the gas and brake pedal over through a pulley system. Not only does the equipment alter the original manufacturer's design of the vehicle, but it puts the complete control of the vehicle on a belt pulley system. These systems are not approved and should be rejected when presented for a safety inspection.

WEBSITE ADDITIONS: We are working on adding a link to our safety inspection website which will list all public safety inspection stations throughout the state. This will list each station's address, phone number, and the types of inspections that each station is certified to conduct. All of this information will be updated at a minimum of once a year.

AGENCY ACTIONS

Station/Inspector Name Agency Action Disposition

Jonathon Weaver #19622	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Ryan Campbell #20433	30-Day Suspension	Upheld
Wade Rod Bennion #3780	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Shirin Afarinesh #21409	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Honest 1 Auto Care #7150	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Joseph Durrant #21503	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Brandon Croft #21697	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Jensen Motor Co. #1159	180-Day Suspension	Upheld
Greg Nielsen #4773	Revocation	Upheld
Jose P. Martinez #12771	180-Day Suspension	Upheld
Michael Tan Trinh #16365	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Caesar Boswell #8498	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Josh P. Brand #20077	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Mt. West Truck Center #6318	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Jaymon L. Slaugh #14184	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Richard A. Just #20043	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Vu L. Cao #14626	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Big O Tire #2420	30-Day Suspension	Upheld
Steve's Auto #2425	15-Day Suspension	Upheld

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Larry Kent #15849	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Arthur Beard #2860	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Ryan D. Troyer #16693	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Marc A. Wasson #14365	Revocation	Upheld
Larry T. Harmon #6303	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Ryan Walker #21581	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Frank Weston #14846	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Nicholas Powell #20405	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Doreen Miller #19852	30-Day Suspension	Upheld
Pearson Tire #781	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Hassan Muhsin #21820	60-Day Suspension	Upheld
Neth's Auto Repair #7015	Revocation	Upheld
Neth Moul #9644	Revocation	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #6179	180-Day Suspension	Upheld
Anytime Emissions #6752	Revocation	Upheld
Sarkis Meguerditchian #18724	Revocation	Upheld
T.D.S. Inc. #6784	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Guy L. Taylor Sr. #9467	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Brandon G. Kelsey #16779	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Bob's Auto #6695	30-Day Suspension	Upheld
Wes Bruckner #18952	30-Day Suspension	Upheld
Kory Goodrich #13573	60-Day Suspension	Upheld
Goodrich American Car Care #6523	60-Day Suspension	Upheld
Muhsin Hassan #21820	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
All Seasons Tire #7164	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Nicholas Alsup #15955	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Luis Lopez #17722	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Streamline Auto #6255	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
Sylmar J. Barlow #15723	15-Day Suspension	Upheld
MB Auto Repair #6572	60-Day Suspension	Upheld
Marco Banuelos #17675	60-Day Suspension	Upheld